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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE II RICE PROGRAM FOR KHMER REPUBLIC

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1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET THIS AFTERNOON TO INFORM HIM OF THE USG DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY ON A TITLE II RICE PROGRAM FOR CAMBODIA. I SAID THERE WOULD BE A MEETING EARLY THIS EVENING OF VOLUNTARY AGENCY HEADS AND RESPONSIBLE GKR OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTING THIS NEW PROGRAM.

2. LONG BORET SAID THAT UM SIM, WITH WHOM I HAD DISCUSSED THE PROGRAM THIS MORNING, HAD WALKED INTO A CABINET MEETING, IN SESSION, TO INFORM HIM YUYANG BORET HAD QUICKLY COMMUNICATED THE NEWS TO THE CABINET, WHICH HAD BURST INTO SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE. HE ADDED WITH A BROAD SMILE THAT THIS NEWS HAD SEEMED TO RESOLVE ABOUT HALF OF THE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE CABINET WAS AT THE MOMENT WRESTLING.

3. IN SUM, HE WAS IMMENSELY PLEASED AT THIS NEW EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA, REMARKING THAT IT WOULD BE A GENERAL MORALE BOOSTER FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE KHMER POPULATION. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO
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STRESS THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR PROPER AND CAREFUL

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TITLE II PROGRAM
IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE RICE REACHES THE REALLY NEEDY
ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION, AND THAT IT HAVE THE MAXIMUM
FAVORABLY PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT, BOTH IN CAMBODIA AND IN
THE U.S.
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